

THE SOUTH STILL SOLID

The Philadelphia Tribune opines editorially that: "Because of the thoughtlessness of the Republican leadership, the Democrats have been able to keep the Solid South for Roosevelt and at the same time to gather thousands of colored votes in the North. That is inconsistent and would be impossible if the GOP leadership would use their heads. Imagine colored people voting for Garner of Texas, where Negroes are prohibited by law from voting the Democratic ticket under ordinary circumstances!

"Why in the name of heaven will the Republicans not come out four-square for the passage of a Federal anti-lynching bill? The only section which is opposed to it is the Democratic solid south...President Roosevelt has consistently refused to advocate such a bill. President Roosevelt can not, even if he desired, denounce the fear of death from the colored citizens of the South and they will move forward as never before...The Republicans have nothing to lose by becoming the champions of an anti-lynching crusade as positive and dynamic as their crusade against human slavery."

GIVING MARYLAND TO THE REPUBLICANS

The Afro-American takes exception to an article by Earl Brown in the Herald-Tribune, which indicated that colored citizens of Maryland would vote the Republican ticket. It says in part, "If Mr. Brown had remained long enough to interview the rank and file of the people as well as the leaders, he would have learned that even Marylanders make a distinction between President Roosevelt and the local Democratic party. It is true that Maryland Democrats are in bad odor because of their kind of Democrat. The President has given out patronage, and he has insisted on distribution of relief and WPA jobs without race discrimination. He refused slow clearance for white Baltimore unless there was a similar project for colored people on a site chosen by them and designed by a colored architect...In fact, the President's attitude has been so liberal to colored people that he has estranged many of the 100 per cent Nordics among his own party, who are as opposed to him as colored people are resentful toward them...If anybody thinks these events haven't registered with the colored man in the street, our judgement is that he is not giving the common people credit for common sense."
